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PSC TO HOLD LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN HILLSBORO ON STORM PREPARATION AND RESTORATION EFFORTS

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Hillsboro** on **October 18, 2006** to receive customer comment on storm preparation and restoration efforts in eastern Missouri.

The PSC Staff is currently conducting an investigation into the storm preparation and restoration efforts of Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE and other utilities following storms on July 19 and July 21, 2006. Those storms left hundreds of thousands of households and businesses without electricity in eastern Missouri. A PSC Staff report is due in mid-November.

The Hillsboro local public hearing schedule appears below:

October 18, 2006

5:30 pm*

Jefferson College

1000 Viking Drive

Arts & Science II Building

Room 301

*** The PSC Staff will hold a 30 minute informal question and answer session starting at this time. The local public hearing will be held until all persons present who wish to testify have done so.**

The local public hearings will be held in a facility that meets accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

The Commission asks witnesses to provide them with the following information:

- ✓ Information concerning how long power was out in the witnesses' residence;
- ✓ The ability of the witness to make contact with utilities and the responsiveness of the utilities when contacted;
- ✓ The witnesses' opinion about whether action by utilities could have prevented the power outage or lessened the damage caused by the storm.